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HARDIE SMITH MAIN WITNESS

For Commonwealth Wednesday,
at Trial of Hardman for
Renaker Murder.

(By Associated Press)

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 13—The trial of Scooby Hardman, charged with the murder of Leon Renaker, wealthy Winchester business man, entered the third day today. The hearing of testimony by commonwealth witnesses, begun yesterday, was resumed. Court attaches saw a possibility that the introduction of evidence by the commonwealth might be completed by tonight.

Hardie Smith was the outstanding witness of the forenoon session.

Other witnesses testified about a barge on which young people gave a party as relating to the time Hardman and Fox are said to have crossed the river.

The commonwealth attorneys today floated the story that an intimate husband whose wife was alleged to be friendly with Renaker, was responsible for the murder and that it would be the principal defense of Hardman. It was said in other quarters an alibi and an attempt to prove a good character for Hardman was likely to be the principal defense.

Witnesses were put on the stand by the commonwealth to support its contention that Hardman and Reese Fox drove an automobile from the Renaker home on the night of the murder.

Hardie Smith, ferryman at Boonesboro, testified he ferried both men across the river after midnight on July 24th. He said both men were in an automobile.

Thomas Blackey, of Winchester, testified he heard a rapidly moving automobile coming down the street from the direction of the Renaker home but did not see it. He said it was after midnight but he could not fix the day of the week.

Testimony for the state, which was begun yesterday, centered principally upon the character of the relations between the defendant and Mrs. Nancy Catherine Renaker, widow of the slain commission merchant.

Testimony introduced by the prosecution followed closely that of the examining trials. Emory Kimball, who lives near the home of Lee Hardman, the defendant's father, at Austerlitz, Bourbon county, and a brother of the young man's divorced wife, testified that he had seen Scooby Hardman and Mrs. Renaker together frequently and intimated that their relations were more intimate than the defense asserted. Other witnesses testified having seen them together at different times.

From 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the request of Mary Kemper, commonwealth's attorney of Fayette county and special attorney for the prosecution the jury was taken to view the Renaker home, the bedroom in which Renaker was murdered, the back door from which the slayer left and the home, nearby, of Mrs. Harry Prather, who testified that on the night of the murder she had been awakened by an automobile, leaving the lot behind the Renaker home and had seen a roadster leave and heard a man's voice say "have finished it."

It was announced Tuesday by attorneys that Hardman will take the stand in his own behalf as the first witness for the defense.

The first night session was held last night. Mr. Kimball having been the last witness before the two-hour recess from 5 to 7 o'clock.

During the visit of the jury to the Renaker home Judge W. R. Shackelford took charge of the jury and permitted only one attorney from each side to accompany them. The defendant, in custody of the jailer, as provided by law, was also taken on this tour of inspection. No others were permitted to accompany them.

The first show of emotion on the part of any of the three defendants of the original indictment, Hardman, Mrs. Renaker and Reese Fox, the latter accused as an accomplice, came when

Mrs. Renaker wept twice.

First, while County Attorney Herbert H. Moore, who delivered the opening statement for the commonwealth, was describing the crime and later when Matt Bean, coroner, the first witness called, was describing the position in which he found the body, she buried her face in her handkerchief and appeared to be sobbing. Scooby Hardman's mother, Mrs. Lee Hardman, was present in the courtroom and embraced her son upon entering.

After Coroner Bean had testified, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook, who live in the same house in which Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Douglas live, were next placed on the stand. Mrs. Douglas is Hardman's sister and Hardman spent a great part of his time at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Cook testified of hearing Hardman and two other boys engaged in conversation at their home Monday, July 24, and said that they remained in the dining room of the Douglas home from 4:30 o'clock until after 5 o'clock. Neither knew who the other two boys were.

Mrs. Cook said she had seen Mrs. Renaker and Scooby Hardman together two or three times at the Douglas home and had seen Mrs. Renaker, Mrs. Douglas and Hardman leave together. She said Mrs. Renaker was at the Douglas home nearly every day when Mrs. Ruth Douglas was at home and sometimes was there as much as two or three times in a single day.

Mrs. Harry Prather of West Hickman street, behind the Renaker home, testified that her husband is a traveling salesman and was away from the city the night the murder is alleged to have taken place, but that she was at home. Her father and mother live with her, occupying a front room. She occupies a rear room.

She said that she was awakened between 1 and 2 o'clock by an automobile light and going to a window, saw a roadster come from the vacant lot behind the Renaker home and pass before her home. She said it made several turns, finally leaving in the direction of Boonesboro.

Emory Kimball said he had met Mrs. Leon Renaker, who visited Mrs. Clyde Douglas at Austerlitz, through Mrs. Douglas. He said he had seen Mrs. Renaker and Hardman together often, probably as many as 12 times and that three times he met Mrs. Douglas and Hardman together, unaccompanied.

This he declared, was in the summer of 1921 and Hardman "took him along" until his Ford automobile broke down.

He said Hardman called him up from Winchester last year and asked him to meet him, which he did. He said he met Hardman, Mrs. Renaker, and Mrs. Douglas near Clintonville and Mrs. Douglas got in his car and they rode in one direction, while Hardman and Mrs. Renaker drove away in the other direction. He told of another meeting at a Mrs. Batson's, declaring that Hardman and Mrs. Renaker were alone for a time and another time, at Mrs. Douglas' home, he went with Hardman, where Hardman met Mrs. Renaker and they remained alone more than two hours while he and Mrs. Douglas were in another part of the house. He said the four were together at a carnival or street fair in Winchester and that they went together to a funeral in Paris, which he and Mrs. Douglas attended, but declared Hardman and Mrs. Renaker did not.

The night session was late to begin. Judge Shackelford, on his arrival, which was tardy by about five minutes, made his first apologetic statement of the trial.

He said he had been invited to supper with a friend who had an old-fashioned "hog's head" dinner. He showed the effects of this supper on the judicial humor soon after calling court. He allowed spectators to stand in the aisles and crowd the courtroom for the first time.

Mrs. Nettie Batson, of Winchester, testified that she had known Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Douglas many years and they occupied 3 rooms at her house nearly ten months about a year ago. She said Mrs. Renaker, Hardman, Mrs. Douglas and Kimball were together in her house three times, with no others there. She said twice Mrs.

HIGH ADVANCES ON POOL WEED

Manager Q. Million reports that some splendid tobacco is being delivered at the receiving warehouse here of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association. One of the best crops so far delivered was that of Misses Emma and Anna DeJarnett and Ed Turner. They delivered 4,300 pounds on which they received an advance of 18 cents a pound. It was estimated that their entire crop would average something like 60 cents a pound, the grade was so high.

The amounts to be advanced on different grades as announced by the burley association are so far as follows here: A-1—18 cents; A-2 15 cents; A-3 15 cents; A-4 11 cents; B-1—20 cents; B-2 17 cents; B-3 15 cents; B-4 12 cents; C-1—22 cents; C-2 19 cents; C-3 17 cents; C-4 15 cents; D-1—20 cents; D-2 18 cents; D-3 15 cents; D-4 12 cents; E-1—15 cents; E-2 12 cents; E-3 11 cents; E-4 9 cents; CW-1—26 cents; CW-2 21 cents; TW-1—20 cents; TW-2 18 cents.

Renaker and Hardman were alone in a separate room at periods of approximately an hour.

On cross examination by Geo. F. Wycoff she said that when Hardman and Mrs. Renaker were together unaccompanied in her house they were in a front room. Kimball came there three times at night with Scooby and left him, she said.

Chief of Police James Mullins, before holding his present office of jailer of Clark county, said that on Friday, July 28, he interviewed Scooby Hardman in regard to the murder. He said Hardman told him that Monday night he went at 6 o'clock to Frank Davis' house to a birthday party where he remained until 10 o'clock. He said he talked to some boys in front of the Citizens' bank and then met Reese Fox. Chief Mullins said he sent two police officers for Hardman but denied he had forced him to answer questions, shaken his fist in Hardman's face or said:

"You are the only man who knows who killed Leon Renaker and you are going to tell."

He said Hardman said he saw Leon Renaker Monday night. He said Hardman said he had been in town all day the day of the murder but had not been to his sister's house. Chief Mullins testified that Hardman said he met Reese Fox, drove around with him about an hour and then went to his sister's house.

Ora Slater, of the Cal Crim detective agency of Cincinnati, said he was also employed by Mrs. Renaker. He related the same conversation Chief Mullins had reviewed. Mr. Slater said there was no finger print on the back door of the Renaker home, but found the bloodmark on the door apparently was made by the palm of the hand.

Under vigorous cross examination by Judge James G. Denney, Mr. Slater stated that he had checked up on the story of Hardman as to the time he arrived in Winchester, his presence at the Davis party and other particulars, with the exception of the young men. He said Hardman had answered all his questions without apparent evasion and had submitted to the taking of his finger prints without protest.

Robert Taylor said Saturday night, July 22, he saw Mrs. Renaker and Scooby Hardman in the Winchester restaurant. He said he saw Mrs. Renaker and Hardman leave together. He said he was riding a bicycle. He said he left the city and passed the overhead bridge outside the city, passed the car again, stopped under the bridge with the lights out. He said that Hardman leaned behind Mrs. Renaker.

Under cross examination, Mr. Taylor said it was 9:30 o'clock when he left the restaurant. Asked if he did not know Leon Renaker was in the car, Mr. Taylor said, "Not then."

He said he had told what he had seen to Dallas Lawrence and his wife before Leon Renaker's death.

Court adjourned at 25 minutes to 10 o'clock.

NAVAL AGREEMENT PROVES USELESS

House Committee Points Out the
Failure of Harding's Disarmament Conference.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 13—A request that President Harding seek to broaden the scope of the naval limitation agreement is included in the annual naval bill reported today by the house appropriations committee. "Competition is on again," the report said, "in the single direction to which the unratified agreement does not extend and it allowed to go on unchecked, purse strings again must be relaxed and this government, like all others, will be constrained to launch upon a new program to that extent necessary to keep us at least abreast of other powers."

In its report the committee pointed out that the Arms Conference did not limit the number of types of smaller vessels up to a maximum size and information has reached congress "that already large programs are planned of vessels up to the maximum size permitted under the agreement and that new and larger types of subsurface craft have begun to put in an appearance."

The president is asked to negotiate with Great Britain, Italy, France and Japan for an agreement to limit the future building of all war craft having a tonnage of 10,000 pounds.

WAR AND NAVY MAY BE CONSOLIDATED

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 13—Consolidation of the War and Navy departments into a Department of National Defense, designed to function under a cabinet member with assistants, in charge of the army and navy respectively, was definitely recommended to President Harding by Walter F. Brown, head of the commission appointed to plan governmental reorganization. The president is giving serious consideration to this and other recommendations submitted by Brown and may lay them before congress in a week or two, accompanied by a special message, expressing the opinion of the administration on each suggested change.

SALVATION ARMY COMMITTEE FORMED

The Salvation Army Home Service Fund organization is complete and is composed of the following persons:

J. D. Goodloe, county judge, chairman; L. W. Dunbar, secretary; R. E. Turley, cashier; State Bank and Trust Co., treasurer; Mrs. Robt. Burnam, president War Mothers chapter; Parale White, clerk U. S. court; Luther Todd, clerk circuit court; E. Deatherage, sheriff; Jesse M. Dykes Post American Legion by Spears Turley, commander; T. C. O'Neil, sec. B. P. O. Elks lodge; J. G. Bosley, sec. Masonic lodge; J. P. Arnold, sec. Exchange club; J. Howard Payne, superintendent city schools; R. C. Burnam, jr., postmaster; T. J. Coates, president Eastern Ky. Normal School; D. W. Kennedy, K. K. S. K. of P. lodge; R. W. Coover, C. of R. Floating Cause; Tribune No. 76, I. O. R. M.; A. J. Suit, treasurer Madison lodge; O. O. F.; O. O. Green, pastor 1st Baptist church; W. O. Sadler, pastor 1st Methodist church; South; R. L. Telford, pastor 1st Presbyterian church; Mrs. J. H. Dean, president women's club; H. W. Carpenter, pastor 1st Christian church.

The appeal is a worthy one, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mohr, field guides for the cause, will solicit advance gifts from the stores, offices, etc. The donations for the appeal will be placed in the State Bank & Trust Company, depository for the funds.

The United States has joined with the Allies in a strong stand against the Turks departing the Greeks in Constantinople.

Love on Trial



Peggy Marsh, who sued the estate of the Chicago millionaire Marshall Field in the interests of her small son and later married Albert Johnson, has put her husband on probation for six months. She announces from London that at the end of that time she will either divorce him or resume their interrupted honeymoon. This is the latest photo of Peggy and her husband.

LABOR TRYING TO IMPEACH DAUGHERTY

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 13—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, frankly told the House judiciary committee today that the executive committee of the federation has authorized employment of counsel to assist in prosecuting the impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty. Gompers indicated he protested to Daugherty about the appointment of William J. Burns as chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice. Burns, Gompers indicated, had been active in during the jury in the Oregon land fraud case and he told Daugherty that Burns' appointment would be a public scandal.

FAWKES ATTENDS UTILITIES CONVENTION

Local Manager Geo. Fawkes and Assistant Oscar Kunk are back from Lexington where they attended the state convention of public utilities. Mr. Fawkes is local manager of the Kentucky Utilities Company and conceals by all who know him and his work to be the best in the state.

W. H. Harton, of Covington, general manager of the Cincinnati, Newport and Covington Railway Company, was elected president of the Kentucky Association of Public Utilities at the close.

Other officers elected were J. P. Pope, of the Kentucky Traction and Terminal Company, of Lexington, vice president; J. F. Barnes, of the Louisville Railway Company, Louisville, sec. vice president; P. D. Pogue, of the Louisville Home Telephone Company, and E. K. Kelley, of the Louisville Railway Company, were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively.

Members of the newly selected executive committee are John G. Stoll, of the Lexington Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company; Donald McDonald, of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company; A. S. Nichols, of the Louisville Electric Company; L. B. Herrington, of the Kentucky Utilities Company and H. J. Cochran of Mayesville.

MRS. S. W. FIFE and her splendid committee will have all kinds of delicious candies at the Baptist bazaar at Masonic Temple Saturday and are now taking orders.

NORMAL FARM TO SELL
ON DECEMBER 30th

The Normal School farm on the Barnes Mill pike will be offered at Public Sale on December 30th. Full description and other details will appear in this paper at an early date. For advance information see T. J. Coates, Paul Burnam or F. C. Gentry.

Everything for Sunday dinner at Baptist bazaar Saturday. Black cakes, nut cake, dressed hens, pies, etc.

Weather Forecast
Cloudy with snow or rain late tonight or Thursday; rising temperature.

Wednesday's Livestock Markets

Cincinnati, Dec. 13—Hogs 6,000; heavies and packers \$8.35; lights and pigs \$8.50; sows \$7; stags \$5.00; 500 cattle, steady, calves \$6 to \$11.50; sheep \$4 to \$6; lambs \$5, \$9 to \$14. Chicago 35,000 hogs, \$8.30; 14,000 cattle, Louisville, Dec. 13—Cattle 300 duil and unchanged; hogs 2,400, 10c lower, tops \$8.40; sheep 100, steady and unchanged.

ROBERT C. MASON ANSWERS LAST CALL

Robert C. Mason, one of Richmond's most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home on Lancaster avenue at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday after an illness of several months. He was 78 years old and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Mason moved to Richmond about 7 years ago from the Silver Creek section where he spent many years of his life. Surviving him are his wife and three brothers, John, Rankin and Walker. Mr. Mason, who has the sympathy of every one in their bereavement, funeral will be conducted at his late residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. R. L. Telford, internment in Richmond cemetery.

GENTRY GOES WITH RICHMOND MOTOR CO.

Frank C. Gentry, who has been connected with the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School for the past seven and a half years, the last six and a half years of which he has been Secretary to the President and Business Manager, has offered his resignation to take effect January 1, 1923, and the same has been accepted by the President with the consent of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Gentry resigns his position with the Normal School to accept another one with the Richmond Motor Company, and in his faithfulness and efficiency in the past he is a criterion by which to judge the future. He will be highly successful in this new venture.

No one will be selected to fill the position which Mr. Gentry has so long and so faithfully occupied but his duties will be distributed among a number of heads of departments.

Baptist bazaar Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Masonic Temple.

COLORED BABIES TO HAVE CLINIC

There will be a colored baby clinic at the colored Masonic hall Thursday, from two to four o'clock. Children will be weighed, measured and examined for defects, also instructed how to maintain health. Drs. Pugh and Ghelston will serve. Those on the publicity committee are as follows: Mrs. M. A. Miller, Mrs. E. M. Murray, Mrs. S. W. Rhythe, Mrs. M. M. Parks, Mr. D. C. Newman, Mrs. M. M. Yates. Those who will assist in weighing and measuring are Miss Lena Miller and Mrs. G. M. Boyd. Mrs. C. A. Hathaway is chairman of these committees. The work is being conducted through the Health and Welfare League under direction of Miss Anna B. Quinn, public health nurse. The babies to be examined will be from two weeks to six years old.

Have a party at noon Saturday and let the Baptist ladies serve your luncheon.

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Get your novelties for Christmas from Mrs. Jager and company at bazaar Saturday. It

HERRINGTON TALKS AT UTILITIES MEETING

Former Richmond Man Preaches
the Doctrine of Good Will
the Year Round.

(By Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 13—Good-will building (the great round instead of at the season of the year only) is the theme of the Kentucky Association of Public Utilities, held here today. B. Herrington, president of the association, who delivered the keynote message at the opening of utility companies, said that utilities here today. The speaker's large records have been in the public utility business for many years and more than 10 years before Mr. Herrington and the companies that operated with the public utility efforts to reach a better understanding of the public and its problems.

"Occupying greater prominence than formerly, it is highly the opportunity to the public service companies, to do their duty, to do it with the public's confidence and to do it with the public's will," said Mr. Herrington.

"This season of peace and one of good-will, it is some people and some enterprises that cannot do it. But this Association, the building has been an effort with it, it is organized eight years ago."

Mr. Herrington said of the legislative efforts at the association and declared that everything it had wished for the good of the whole people.

"In spite of all that has been done, said and written, it is undoubtedly looks to the public a considerable source of the public opinion of the utility company which is not doing."

We will never be able to get the people on our side and continue to take the public's confidence, if we do not explain our problems to them. We are careful about the nature of our employees and the nature of our service. We are careful to give good service, to charge reasonable rates, to select competent and reliable employees, if we do a good job, give our customers an opportunity to become partners with us in the business, we will have respect, confidence and loyalty of the large majority of the people.

"Every effort must be made to make the people understand that the ever increasing demand for our service imposes upon us the burden of carrying a much more capital. Nothing is more important and evidence of the public this capital cannot be obtained. Unless it is secured, the utility company and its employees served by it will both suffer. The community will suffer by the greater suffering of the utility. It cannot grow unless the utilities are healthy and strong."

"A community is a body of the men and by employees conducted by men first and foremost to the community. It is not out. A utility company is a body of necessities and a body of thousands, giving employment of the most inspiring kind to hundreds of people to a public enemy, but a public benefactor. It gives far more than it takes out of the community. It gives its principal to the community in the form of permanently invested capital and it takes out of the community only a reasonable return on this capital."

"If a part of its capital is furnished locally, even the return on that part of the capital remains to build up that community. It is therefore of the utmost importance to the community that the permanent capital required by utility companies should be furnished as far as possible by the people in the community which the utility serves."

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